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Ocean Nova 2023 - Arctic Cruises

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Non-technical project proposal description

French: Le navire propose des croisières touristiques programmées du 2 au 9 septembre 2023. Le navire transporte 85 passagers et 30 membres d'équipage à bord. Le capitaine possède une vaste expérience de la navigation dans de telles zones. Le bateau de croisière transporte des bateaux Zodiacs, qui sont utilisés pour le transport de passagers vers et depuis le rivage, les visites, la photographie et l'observation depuis l'eau. Tout le personnel est formé et il y a également à bord des spécialistes des armes à feu certifiés avec les licences appropriées. Le capitaine et les chefs d'expédition ont été sélectionnés en fonction de leur expérience polaire et de leur compréhension de la faune et des régions éloignées sensibles telles que l'Arctique. Il s'agit d'une expédition touristique dont le but est de découvrir l'Arctique et de visiter divers sites en cours de route avec un minimum de perturbations pour les débarquements et la faune. Pour les visites de ces zones, tous les passagers seront accompagnés par des membres et des spécialistes. Les activités entreprises lors de ces visites peuvent inclure la marche/randonnée, la photographie, le kayak, la croisière en zodiac. Il n'y aura que des débarquements communautaires et une croisière en zodiac près de l'île Lady Franklin.

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Inuinnaqtun: Vessel-kut ihuaqhaqhimajut aquinikkut-tunnganiqaqtun umiani talvannga Sept 2min talvunga September 9mun, 2023mun. Umidjat tigumiaqtaik 85-nik uhitigtunik imaalu 30-nik havaktinik ikipkarlutik. Kaptinga akhuraaluk atuqhimayuq ahirupallaangittumik.Umiaryuakkut umiat Zodiaks qainat, atuqtauyut uhitigtut uhitigtut hinaanunlu, qungiaqhutik, piksaliuqhutik, uvalu tautuktamingnik imaqmin. Tamaita havaktit ayuiqhaqhimayut uvalu naunaitkutiqagtut hiqutit ayuittiaqhimayut ihuaqtumik laisqaqtunik katimayiinunlu.Tamna tutquqtigimayuq aulaqtitivakhimayutlu hivuliqtingit pukuktauvakhimayut talvuuna nanurnik havakpakhimayainik ilitugidjutikharnik uumayunik mihingnautiqagtuniklu avaliqangitunik avikturvingniitunik taimaitutun Ukiuktagtuni.

Operations Phase: from 2023-09-02 to 2023-09-09

Activities

Location	Activity Type	Land Status	Site history	Site archaeological or paleontological value	Proximity to the nearest communities and any protected areas
Pond Inlet	Tourism Activities	Municipal	Mittimatalik (Pond Inlet) – named in Inuktitut after an unknown ancient person presumed to be buried here is the largest community in Northern Baffin Island with mountains visible from all sides, is called the Jewel of the North. conveniently close to both Tamaarvik Territorial Park and Sirmilik National Park. 'Mittimatalik' is also home to the renowned Tununiq Arsarniit Theatre Group.	-The entire region around Pond Inlet is scattered with archaeological sites of ancient Dorset and Thule peoples (the ancestors of modern Inuit people) from over 1,000 years ago	Pond INlet
Qikiqtarjuaq	Tourism Activities	Municipal	Qikiqtarjuaq received the name Broughton Island in 1818 by Royal Navy explorer John Ross. Ross opened up the west shore of Baffin Island to European whalers who had already been hunting the nearby Greenland area	Seasonal visits by whalers to the Qikiqtarjuaq area began in July 1824 and continued for a century. Northern access point for Auyuittuq National Park	Qikiqtarjuaq
Lady Franklin Island	Tourism Activities	Crown	Located in the Canadian Arctic Archipelago, Lady Franklin Island has a rich archaeological history. It was named in honor of Lady Jane Franklin, who sponsored several expeditions in search of her missing husband, Sir John Franklin	Archaeological research on the island has uncovered evidence of Inuit occupation, including stone tools, tent rings, and hunting structures. These artifacts provide insights into the resourcefulness and adaptability of the indigenous people who inhabited the region.	Iqaluit - NO LANDING to take place - zodiac cruise only

Iqaluit	Tourism Activities	Municipal	qaluit is the capital city of the Canadian territory of Nunavut. It sits on vast Baffin Island in Frobisher Bay. The island is known for its ice-capped mountains and tundra valleys. Near the city, Sylvia Grinnell Territorial Park is home to caribou and Arctic foxes. Qaummaarviit Territorial Park, on a tiny island near the city, contains archaeological remains of the ancient Thule people. —	Archaeologists believe occupation of the Crystal II site near the Sylvia Grinnell River outside of Iqaluit dates back to pre-Dorset culture.	Iqaluit
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Community Involvement & Regional Benefits

Community	Name	Organization	Date Contacted
Pond Inlet	Coreen Green / Dylan Mablick	Hamlet	2023-05-30
Qikiqtarjuaq	Daisy Nuqingaq	Hamlet	2023-08-01
Iqaluit	Louis Pothier	Inukpak OUtfitting	2023-08-01

Authorizations

Indicate the areas in which the project is located:

North Baffin
South Baffin

Authorizations

Regulatory Authority	Authorization Description	Current Status	Date Issued / Applied	Expiry Date
Government of Nunavut, Department of Economic Development & Transportation	Outfitters License	Applied, Decision Pending		
Government of Nunavut, Department of Environment	Wildlife Observation License	Applied, Decision Pending		
Government of Nunavut, Department of Culture, Language, Elders, and Youth	Applicant not seeking archaeology permit. Only community landings and zodiac near Lady Franklin Island	Not Yet Applied		

Project transportation types

Transportation Type	Proposed Use	Length of Use
Water	Cruise Vessel - Ocean Nova	

Project accomodation types

Other,

Material Use

Equipment to be used (including drills, pumps, aircraft, vehicles, etc)

Equipment Type	Quantity	Size - Dimensions	Proposed Use
Cruise ship	1	73m Length, 11m Width, 2180 GRT	Accommodation and transportation for passengers and crew
Zodiacs	8	TBA	Mark V brand Zodiac inflatable boats ; Number of craft : 8 in total; Engines/fueltypes : 8 Yamaha-brand 50 HP 4 stroke outboard.

Detail Fuel and Hazardous Material Use

Detail fuel material use:	Fuel Type	Number of containers	Container Capacity	Total Amount	Units	Proposed Use
Gasoline	fuel	20	30	600	Liters	To fuel Zodiacs, will all be done on board the cruise ship to limit pollution.

Water Consumption

Daily amount (m3)	Proposed water retrieval methods	Proposed water retrieval location
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Waste

Waste Management

Project Activity	Type of Waste	Projected Amount Generated	Method of Disposal	Additional treatment procedures
Tourism Activities	Combustible wastes	TBA	Retained on board until licensed disposal facility in Newfoundland or Greenland	.
Tourism Activities	Greywater	TBA	According to Marpol regulations	.
Tourism Activities	Hazardous	TBA	Retained on board until licensed disposal facility in Newfoundland or Greenland	.
Tourism Activities	Sewage (human waste)	TBA	According to Marpol regulations	.

Environmental Impacts:

essel will be transiting through wildlife habitats and passengers and crew will be landing ashore in areas where wildlife may be present. This activity could be indirectly disruptive to certain species. Oil spill, noise disturbance and emissions could potentially effect wildlife. Emissions to air and water are limited by the strictest marine regulations and the engines are therefore running on low sulphur Marine Gas Oil. The vessel has a treatment system for the ballast water to avoid the spread of biological organisms from one area to another, and she is designed to minimize the impact on marine life by causing low underwater noise levels. When in operation the vessel will ensure, in wildlife concentrated areas, ship's speed will be reduced. The vessel is sailing between 5-10 knots in the areas where wildlife is present and the full capacity of the ship is 10 knots. Therefore, speed is of utmost consideration when sailing in wildlife rich areas. Measures to Avoid Dangerous Wildlife Encounters: Direct contact and interaction with wildlife will be avoided. All activities the vessel, passengers and crew engage in will be environmentally conscious and intended for the purpose of sightseeing only. No manmade structures or materials will be left in wildlife area. Crew members who are trained and certified naturalists will provide safety guidance and information on the environment to the passengers and other crew. The information provided is specific to each location and is made in an effort to afford protection and conservation by minimizing any potential damage or disruption that could occur. The crew on board the cruise vessel are well versed in measures to avoid dangerous wildlife encounters. They keep watch for dangerous animals, and will not approach land if dangerous wildlife is spotted ashore. When ashore, food is not left unattended (if brought ashore at all). The crew have a system in place to safely and efficiently move passengers back to

Additional Information

SECTION A1: Project Info

SECTION A2: Allweather Road

SECTION A3: Winter Road

SECTION B1: Project Info

SECTION B2: Exploration Activity

SECTION B3: Geosciences

SECTION B4: Drilling

SECTION B5: Stripping

SECTION B6: Underground Activity

SECTION B7: Waste Rock

SECTION B8: Stockpiles

SECTION B9: Mine Development

SECTION B10: Geology

SECTION B11: Mine

SECTION B12: Mill

SECTION C1: Pits

SECTION D1: Facility

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SECTION D3: Facility Operation

SECTION D4: Vessel Use

SECTION E1: Offshore Survey

SECTION E2: Nearshore Survey

SECTION E3: Vessel Use

SECTION F1: Site Cleanup

SECTION G1: Well Authorization

SECTION G2: Onland Exploration

SECTION G3: Offshore Exploration

SECTION G4: Rig

SECTION H1: Vessel Use

SECTION H2: Disposal At Sea

SECTION I1: Municipal Development

Description of Existing Environment: Physical Environment

Please see project map which outlines coordinates for all planned landing locations. Vessel will only call communities and zodiac near Lady Franklin Island. The Canadian Arctic Archipelago comprises of 94 major and 36,469 minor islands, covering a vast area of 1.4 million square kilometers in Northern Canada's North Atlantic Ocean. Nunavut and Northwest Territories form the majority of this region, which is separated from the mainland and each other by the Northwest Passage, the largest high Arctic land area worldwide. The terrain is mostly tundra, with the exception of mountainous areas, and Canada's glacial ice is mostly located in the highlands. The archipelago experiences cold winters, averaging between -20°C and -35°C, and mild summers, with temperatures ranging from 10°C to 25°C, with a wide range of plant and animal life, including various land and marine mammals, insects, and birds. The islands also have a range of plant species, such as mosses, liverworts, and lichens.

Description of Existing Environment: Biological Environment

During the expedition through Nunavut there are various endangered species in both marine and land environments that the vessel could potentially encounter. The Species at Risk Act (SARA) aims to protect species from extinction and has identified several species in Northern Canada as endangered, such as Barren-ground Caribou (NWT), Beluga Whale (Nvt), Caribou (Nvt), Eskimo Curlew (NWT, Nvt, YT), Gypsy Cuckoo Bumble Bee (NWT, YT), Ivory Gull (NWT), Little Brown Myotis (NWT, YT), Northern Myotis (NWT, YT), Red Knot (NWT), Ross's Gull (Nvt), and Whooping Crane (NWT).

Description of Existing Environment: Socio-economic Environment

Several community visits are planned to Iqaluit, Pond Inlet, and Qikiqtarjuaq. We are looking forward to working with the communities to develop a program that allows the passengers to learn about the culture in a respectful and engaging manner. Passenger landing fees are paid to the Hamlet to ensure there is a fiscal benefit to the community. While the federal covid regulations have been dropped, we will adhere to any/all covid protocols requested by the communities. Appropriate archaeological permits have been applied for, and the onboard archaeologist will ensure all procedures are respected.

Miscellaneous Project Information

Identification of Impacts and Proposed Mitigation Measures

Minimization and mitigation measures include following established standard operating procedures and education, which are viewed as being the key factors toward ensuring that crew, expedition staff and guests are educated and briefed appropriately. Staff and Guest Briefings will include pre-landing briefings on

wildlife sensitivities and potential hazards, proper wildlife viewing techniques and safety and operational practices. While the OCEAN NOVA will take necessary measures to limit their impact on all species within the surrounding environment, extra precautions will be taken for the species listed above. It is important to note that the proposed activity may cause disturbances to the flora and fauna. However, Grand Espaces believes that with proper procedures and attention to detail, any potential impacts caused by the OCAEN NOVA can be minimized. Ship's command and the Expedition Leader are aware of Species at Risk to ensure that activities do not impact these species. Environment and Climate Change Canada's "Environment Assessment Best Practice Guide for Wildlife at Risk in Canada" (http://www.sararegistry.gc.ca/virtual_sara/files/policies/EA%20Best%20Practices%202004.pdf) provides information on what is required when Wildlife at Risk, including Species at Risk, are encountered or affected by the Project.

Cumulative Effects

Cumulative effects are expected to be minimal. Vessel will only call communities and zodiac near Lady Franklin Island. No landing to be conducted there.

Impacts

Identification of Environmental Impacts

	PHYSICAL	Designated environmental areas	Ground stability	Permafrost	Hydrology / Limnology	Water quality	Climate conditions	Eskers and other unique or fragile landscapes	Surface and bedrock geology	Sediment and soil quality	Tidal processes and bathymetry	Air quality	Noise levels	BIOLOGICAL	Vegetation	Wildlife, including habitat and migration patterns	Birds, including habitat and migration patterns	Aquatic species, incl. habitat and migration/spawning	Wildlife protected areas	SOCIO-ECONOMIC	Archaeological and cultural historic sites	Employment	Community wellness	Community infrastructure	Human health
Construction	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Operation																									
Tourism Activities		-	-	-	-	M	-	-	-	-	-	M	M		-	M	-	-	-		-	-	P	-	-
Decommissioning	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

(P = Positive, N = Negative and non-mitigatable, M = Negative and mitigatable, U = Unknown)

Project Location



List of Project Geometries

1	point	Pond Inlet
2	point	Qikiqtarjuaq
3	point	Lady Franklin Island
4	point	Iqaluit